

2024 NRKL Junior Championship

RACING REGULATIONS

1 Title	
1.1	<p>The NRKL Junior Championship is organised, promoted and administered by the Northern Rental Karting League</p> <p>NRKL reserves the right to amend or alter these regulations at any time before or during the season and issue clarifications concerning the regulations from time to time. All such amendments will be made available on the website's 'documents' section and will be sent to any registered competitors via email. It is a condition of entry that all competitors, teams & team members associated with an event agree to be bound by the regulations and any amendments that are made.</p>
2 Series Personelle & Officials	
2.1	<p>Championship Co-ordinator</p> <p>Tom Gibson Tel: Email: nrkleague@gmail.com</p>
3 Entries	
3.1	<p>All entries are on a first come, first served basis. Entries are only confirmed when accompanied with a full payment. Where possible, the entry schedule will be as follow:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- December 27th: Entries open for full season entries only- January 10th: Entries open for round-by-round entries- 2 weeks prior to the event: Entries closed
3.2	<p>Should spaces remain, entries may still be accepted after the closing date, this may incur championship penalties.</p>
3.3	<p>All entries should be submitted through the website on the appropriate page. Entries will not be accepted any other way.</p>
3.4	<p>Where a series uses multiple classes, it is the entrant's responsibility to ensure they have entered the correct class.</p>
4 Driver Eligibility	
4.1	<p>The NRKL Junior Championship is open to drivers aged 14-16. A driver must have reached their 14th birthday before the start of their first round. A driver will 'age out' of the junior class during the year of their 16th birthday.</p>
4.2	<p>At all times while at an event, a parent or guardian must be present. They will be responsible for their driver(s).</p>
4.3	<p>The Junior championship will run unweighted, no artificial weight is allowed to be carried on a driver's kart or person.</p>
4.4	<p>It is expected that all drivers are able to drive an adult rental kart both safely and at a suitable pace. It is also expected that drivers are familiar with the general rules of racing, including driving standards and the flags that may be shown during an event.</p>
4.5	<p>In order to race, a driver must have completed a recognised race academy. Examples of which include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- TeamSport's race academy (must have achieved the advanced level)- Total Karting Zero- Club100 (Holder of a KX Licence)- MPH Academy- Daniel Ricciardo Series
4.6	<p>This is not an exhaustive list, and other academy programs may be accepted on a case-by-case basis.</p>
4.7	<p>Suitable evidence must be submitted at the time of registration to demonstrate driver eligibility.</p>
4.8	<p>The organiser reserves the right to admit any driver that it believes meets the experience requirements for the championship without having completed one a recognised academy. Instances of this may be if a driver has previously held an MSUK race licence (interclub grade or higher) or has competed at a suitable level previously.</p>

4.9 The organiser reserves the right to revoke the ability to enter from any driver if they believe they don't meet the relevant pace/experience requirements for the championship. Should this decision be reached, the organiser will refund any further entry fees that have already been paid.

5 Cancellations

5.1 In the event that an entrant has to withdraw from an event, the following terms will apply.

- If an entry is withdrawn prior to the closing date for entries, a full refund (less a £4 processing fee) will be issued
- Cancellations received after the closing date of entries will lose the full entry fee.
- No- shows on the day of the event will lose the full entry fee.
- All deposits, including season pass payments are non-refundable.
- All cancellations should be made in writing to nrkleague@gmail.com

5.2 Should an event be cancelled by the organiser or the host circuit, the following terms will apply

- Where possible, an alternative date or venue will be sought. Once this has been done, all entrants will be informed via email, and their entry automatically transferred over.
- Should a driver not be able to contest the rescheduled date, a refund of the entry fee (less a £4 processing fee) will be issued.
- Should an alternative date not be found, a full refund of the entries fees will be issued.

6 Equipment

6.1 Drivers must wear overalls, full face crash helmets, gloves and shoes that meet or exceed the minimum requirement for rental karting. The following standards are recommended:

6.1.1 Helmet: Snell SK2020 (CMR 2018 for drivers 16 & under)

6.1.2 Overalls: CIK 2013 Level 2

6.2 Drivers may use additional safety equipment (neck brace, rib protector etc) this must be presented in good condition and be fit for purpose.

6.3 Drivers may use their own seat inserts, these must be presented in good condition.

6.4 No signal may be passed between a moving kart and any person associated with a driver or competitor. This includes, but is not limited to radios, bluetooth or mobile phones.

6.5 The final say as to whether a competitor's equipment is appropriate for use remains with the host circuit.

7 Scoring

7.1 Championship points will be scored for each heat/Qualifying as follows:

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	13th	14th	15th
75	69	64	59	55	51	48	45	42	39	36	34	32	30	28
16th	17th	18th	19th	20th	21st	22nd	23rd	24rh	25th	26th	27th	28th	29th	30th
26	24	22	20	18	16	14	12	10	9	8	7	6	5	4

7.2 Championship points for the finals & Sprint Races will be scored as follows:

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	13th	14th	15th
100	92	86	80	74	68	64	60	56	52	48	46	44	42	40
16th	17th	18th	19th	20th	21st	22nd	23rd	24rh	25th	26th	27th	28th	29th	30th
38	36	34	32	30	28	26	24	22	20	18	16	14	12	10

A DNS/DQ will score 0 points

7.3 A competitor's best x results will be considered for the final championship standings.

7.4	Points will be awarded based on a competitor's position in class.
8 Teams Championship	
8.1	The NRKL teams championship allows drivers to work together over the course of the season.
8.2	At each event, a team may consist of up to 3 drivers. These can be from any class.
8.3	A team can feature a roster of up to 6 drivers over the course of the season. Should a team exceed this number, a penalty of 50 points will be applied for each additional driver. Should a driver change weight class during the season, this will be considered as one of the team's driver changes.
8.4	Teams must nominate their scoring drivers the Wednesday preceding an event. This should be done through the nomination form via the series website. Failure to do so will mean no changes will take place.
8.5	Alongside the team's championship will run the privateer championship. This is for drivers who have not been nominated for a team at any point during the season. For avoidance of doubt, a driver is no longer considered a privateer once the event they have been nominated for has started.
9 Championship Awards	
9.1	The following titles will be contested for 2023: NRKL Junior Champion: The top points scoring driver after all rounds, minus dropped scores NRKL Teams Champions: The top scoring team, see section 8 for details on teams make up NRKL Privateer Champion: The top scoring driver who has never been part of a team.
9.2	The amount of trophies handed out will be subject to entries: 1-4 entries - trophy to 1st. 5-7 entries - trophies to 1st and 2nd 8+ entries - trophies to 1st, 2nd & 3rd
9.3	The organiser reserves the right to add additional awards throughout the season.
9.4	All championship awards will be handed out at the end of the final round of the season
10 Driving Standards & conducts	
10.1	While the NRKL is open to all drivers, it is expected that all drivers are able to drive a rental kart to a high standard and are familiar with the general rules of karting and will abide by them at all times. Drivers who are unable to demonstrate they are able to drive to the required standard may be removed from an event without refund or compensation.
10.2	Karting is a non-contact sport. Despite the fact that most rental karts have wrap-around bumpers, these are not designed to allow for pushing and excessive contact, they are a safety feature. The NRKL wishes to promote clean and fair racing.
10.3	While the host circuits are in charge of on track conduct, NRKL will have their own driving standards observer(s) to ensure that races remain clean.
10.4	To aid with driving standards, each driver will be issued a digital licence that will be kept centrally. Any driving or sporting penalties will carry licence points. Should a driver collect 12 points during a 12 month period, their licence will be revoked for a 12 month period.
10.5	Race With Respect
10.5.1	While the NRKL is not affiliated with Motorsport UK, the championship fully endorses the Motorsport UK Race with Respect programme.
10.5.2	While competing in the championship, all drivers agree to be bound by the race with respect code.
11 Licence points & Endorsements	
11.1	NRKL operates a licence system to attempt to control driving standards. As well as sporting penalties, drivers will have their 'licences' endorsed with points. Should a driver collect 12 points over a 12 month period, they will lose the ability to enter and compete in NRKL events.
11.2	Receiving multiple warnings during an event - 1 penalty point
11.2.1	Gaining an advantage with use of track limits - 1 penalty point

11.2.2	Contact gaining an unfair advantage - 2 penalty points
11.2.3	Light or flag infringement - 2 penalty points
11.2.4	Driver finishing a heat underweight - 1 penalty point
11.2.5	Deliberate contact - 4 penalty points
11.2.6	Retaliation of any kind - 12 penalty points
11.2.7	Abusive behaviour or language towards <u>anybody</u> - 12 penalty points
11.2.8	The list above is not exhaustive, and the organisers reserve the right to update this list at any time during the championship campaign.
11.3	Appeals
11.3.1	A full list of penalty points will be made available in the week following an NRKL event.
11.3.2	Over the course of the season, drivers will have a total of 4 appeals that they can use against any points that have been applied to their licence.
11.3.3	An appeal must be lodged in writing to appeals.nrkleague@gmail.com , an appeal should include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A driver's name &/or licence number (if known) - The incident number the appeal relates to (found on the incident list for each event) - Evidence to support the appeal, this can be onboard video or trackside video
11.3.4	Once an appeal is lodged, the organisers will review it and respond to the party that has lodged the appeal. Should an appeal be upheld, the entrant will receive their appeal allowance returned. Should an appeal be rejected, they will lose their appeal allowance. For avoidance of doubt, if driver A uses one of their 4 appeals and the appeal is upheld, then they will still have 4 appeals to use for the season. Should it be rejected, they would have 3 appeals remaining for the season.